

LIVING PROBLEM WILL BE TAKEN UP

Hearings on Bill to Regulate
Cold Storage to Be Held
During January.

TWO PROPOSALS ADVANCED

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Line-Up.

Washington, December 20.—The high cost of living will take a prominent place again in congressional discussion early next month, when hearings will begin on Representative McKellar's bill to regulate cold storage of food products.

Two proposals have been advanced for the regulation of the traffic. One would prohibit the interstate transportation of foodstuffs in cold storage more than a certain length of time and the other would limit specifically the length of time which certain products may be stored.

Forces on both sides of the question are preparing their line-up for the hearings. Representative Covington is chairman of a subcommittee which will take testimony and make reports on the McKellar bill and other cold storage measures.

Decline in New Jersey

Trenton, N. J., December 20.—The cost of living in New Jersey in 1913 was not as high as it was in 1912, according to the annual report of George C. Low, chief of the State Bureau of Statistics and Labor, and recently submitted to acting Governor Taylor. In 1912 the cost of a test bill of goods was \$14,600, while in 1913 the same goods cost but \$13,622, or a 7 per cent decrease. The reduction, the report said, was due to a great extent to a remarkable decline in the price of potatoes.

Since 1898 continues the report, there has been an increase in the cost of living of 67 per cent. This increase, Mr. Low points out, is not due to an uniform advance in the price of all goods, but rather to the phenomenal rise of a comparatively small number of articles, principally flour and meats.

CASTLEMAN TELLS OF NEGOTIATIONS

In Trying to Bribe Hobbs,
Acted on Advice of
Governor.

Richmond, Va., December 20.—Details of alleged negotiations with Stephen Castleman, which led to State Senator O. A. Hobbs' indictment for soliciting and accepting a bribe, were told by Castleman on the witness stand at Hobbs' trial to-day. He was the first witness introduced by the State.


Castleman said Hobbs approached him with a proposition to use his vote and influence to pass a new county bill through the next Legislature, that he continued the negotiation at the suggestion of Governor Brown. He said he had been approached by Hobbs about \$25,000, which he said was demanded by the defendant.

Castleman said that after he had told Governor Brown of these negotiations, it was arranged that the negotiations be operated near the different meeting places with named persons whom he said were taking the money to Hobbs. He said he was under cross-examination and that he was not a party to the negotiations. He said he had offered his money to Hobbs and that the money had been passed, as charged by attorneys in their opening statements yesterday.

FALLS SEVEN STORIES; LIVES

Youth Tumbles from Top of House
While Chasing Pigeons.

New York, December 20.—Richard Taylor, eleven years old, while chasing pigeons on the roof of a seven-story



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DEFENDS VIVISECTION

Dr. Pearce Haps Anti for Untruths and Misrepresentation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Philadelphia, December 20.—Dr. Richard M. Pearce, professor of research medicine, delivered an address at the University of Pennsylvania to-day, entitled "The Arguments For and Against Experiments on Animals." He attacked the American Antivivisection Society for "untruths and misrepresentations." Discussing vivisection from the ethical viewpoint, Dr. Pearce declared that if it can be shown even in a single instance "that life has been saved or human happiness and efficiency have been increased as a result of such experimentation, the moral issue is settled in the affirmative."

Dr. Pearce said that animals themselves have been benefited by the discovery of the causes of disease, and vivisection has prevented tuberculosis, rinderpest, anthrax, glanders, cholera and other ailments of the lower animal kingdom.

CLARENCE DARROW FREED

Court Dismisses Charge of Bribing Jury in McNamara Case.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Los Angeles, December 20.—Clarence Darrow, the Chicago labor lawyer, was to-day freed of the charge of bribing in connection with the McNamara case by Judge Grant Jackson. On motion of District Attorney Fredrick, who stated that Darrow's conviction on the charge of bribing Juror Robert Bain was very doubtful, the court dismissed the charge. Darrow was twice tried for bribery. He was acquitted on the charge of bribing Juror Lockwood. In his trial for the alleged bribing of Juror Bain the jury disagreed.

Beachy Loops the Loop

Fresno, Cal., December 20.—Lincoln Beachy looped the loop four times in a biplane here to-day. He also flew upside down for an eighth of a mile. To-morrow Beachy says he will attempt looping the loop with his hands off the steering gear.

NO SEATS FOR WOMEN

R. P. Alvey, manager of the 5 and 10 cent store of the J. G. McGraw Company, Inc., 417 East Broad Street, was to-day freed of the charge of Police Court for failing to provide seats for women and girl employees. On motion of District Attorney Fredrick, who stated that the State Commissioner of Labor, Francis Fleming, colored, was held for the grand jury on the charge of breaking into a chicken-house of S. M. Taylor, 3216 Hanover Avenue, and stealing sixteen fowls.

W. H. Casey, a motorman, charged with recklessly running his street car, striking and practically wrecking the automobile of John Bagby several days ago, was fined \$20 and costs. He noted an appeal.

Negro Goes to Jail for Assault

Solomon Gibbs, colored, was fined \$25 and costs and put under \$100 bond yesterday by Magistrate T. J. Puryear, of Henrico County, for assaulting Dave Gilbert. He went to jail in default.

WOMEN NOT HELD BY VILLA'S ORDERS

Wives and Children of Several Mexican Suspects Remain in Chihuahua.

Chihuahua, Mexico, December 20.—General Francisco Villa to-day made public a note, which he delivered to United States Consul Marion Letcher, in reference to the reported detention in Chihuahua by the rebels of Mexican women and children. The note was in reply to an inquiry sent by the State Department at Washington.

Although he had detained no women and children, General Villa said, there still remained in Chihuahua the wives and children of Mexicans who had been detained on suspicion of having aided the Huerta forces. General Villa's note said:

"My Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your attentive note of this date, which I hasten to answer, manifesting to you that I have taken careful note of the fact that on the 15th day of this month the Department of State of your government addressed a message to you relative to having received information that women and children of this community, relatives of refugees of Chihuahua, are detained here. I having refused to give them any conduct."

"As this, in essence, is not wholly the truth of what has taken place, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that all those who had intended to leave, have not done so, not because I have detained, but because they would not leave unless accompanied by certain individuals, who must remain to explain some acts for which they are responsible."

"Up to the present time no orders have been given which prevent any families who wish to leave from so doing. On the contrary, I have even decided to give them a special train, which would convey them to the frontier, which I am still disposed to do."

"I wish also to state, and I hope that with your accustomed impartiality in these matters you will make it known to your honorable Secretary of State that our conduct cannot be compared to that of the Huertistas, for it is well known that the families of our followers are transported by the Huertistas from one place to another in trains carrying soldiers and munitions war, thus hoping to avoid attacks by our forces. Our families also are sent to the Marfa Islands, which has been the abode of petty thieves and low-born criminals."

"I take pleasure in treating in detail with matters which bring to light the difference of pressure between the government of Usurper Huerta and that which we are trying to implant for the welfare of our country—a legal and noble one."

SOSA IN CHASE CITY.

Mustelin, Once Named Phillips, Added U. S. A. to Title, Making Sosan.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Chase City, Va., December 20.—John Phillips Sousa, America's famous bandmaster, attracted by the many advantages which Chase City offers for recreation and recuperation, is here for a short period, taking the mineral waters for his health and riding and hunting for recreation. Fox hunting, bird hunting and turkey hunting are extremely popular, and both afford the wizard of the baton unlimited pleasure. As a man Sousa is unassuming, pleasant and very approachable. This little incident he recites with

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